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In re application of:

Atsushi SAKAMOTO et al.

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Magnet Powder, Method for Producing  
Permanent Magnet Powder, and Bonded  
Magnet

Art Unit: Not assigned

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**TRANSMITTAL OF  
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- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references: N/A

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